



ROE/(\$)  
JEW

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/909,988
Confirmation Number	1372
Filing Date	July 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shigeru TANAKA
Group Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Jason D. PRONE
Matter Number	Q64671
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all  
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

*Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:*

WASHINGTON OFFICE

**23373**

CUSTOMER NUMBER

05/25/2006 SZFWDDIE1 00000053-09900000

01 FC-1001

790.00-00

**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Nataliya Dvorson Registration No. 56,616

Signature  Date May 24, 2006